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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 **ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir,

The following reply is responsive to an Office Action mailed March 14, 2003, due for a response on July 14, 2003, by virtue of the herein requested petition for a one (1) month extension of time.

Please amend the application as follows.